

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of receiving a subscription to a mutual fund, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a home page, the request specifying a domain, but not explicitly specifying a file

5 within said domain;

responsive to the request, providing the home page comprising a notice of a subscription offering and a link to a web page;

receiving a request for the web page;

10 providing web page information allowing a user to subscribe to the mutual fund responsive to the receiving the request for the web page; [[and]]

receiving an indication of an amount of money to be invested in the mutual fund;

15 identifying that a subscription period for the mutual fund has ended; and

providing to management of the mutual fund a number of subscribers to the mutual fund responsive to the subscription period for the mutual fund having ended.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the method additionally comprises communicating a total amount of money to be invested in the mutual fund responsive to the amount of money received.

3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein all of the steps are performed via the Internet.

4. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web page comprises the web page information.

5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web page comprises a link that may be followed to an additional web page comprising the web page information.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps of claim 1 are performed for each of a plurality of users and the method additionally comprises the steps of:

5        accumulating the amounts of money from each of the plurality of users; and

         providing to [[a]] the mutual fund management the amounts of money accumulated.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the notice comprises a banner.

8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the banner comprises one selected from a scrolling banner and an animated banner.

9. (currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for receiving a subscription to a mutual fund, the computer program product  
5 comprising computer readable program code devices  
configured to cause a computer system to:

~~computer readable program code devices configured to~~  
~~cause a computer to receive a request for a home page, the~~  
~~request specifying a domain, but not explicitly specifying~~  
10 a file within said domain;

~~computer readable program code devices configured to~~  
~~cause a computer to~~ responsive to the request, provide the home page comprising a notice of a subscription offering and a link to a web page;

15 ~~computer readable program code devices configured to~~  
~~cause a computer to~~ receive a request for the web page;

~~computer readable program code devices configured to~~  
~~cause a computer to~~ provide web page information allowing a user to subscribe to the mutual fund responsive to the  
20 receiving the request for the web page; [[and]]

~~computer readable program code devices configured to~~  
~~cause a computer to~~ receive an indication of an amount of  
money to be invested in the mutual fund;

identify that a subscription period for the mutual  
25 fund has ended; and

provide to management of the mutual fund a number of  
subscribers to the mutual fund responsive to the  
subscription period for the mutual fund having ended.

10. (currently amended) The computer program product  
of claim 9, wherein the computer program product  
additionally comprises computer readable program code  
devices configured to cause [[a]] the computer system to  
5 communicate a total amount of money to be invested in the  
mutual fund responsive to the amount of money received.

11. (currently amended) The computer program product  
of claim 9 wherein [[all]] at least some of the computer  
readable program code devices use the Internet.

12. (original) The computer program product of claim 9  
wherein the web page comprises the web page information.

13. (original) The computer program product of claim 9  
wherein the web page comprises a link that may be followed  
to an additional web page comprising the web page  
information.

14. (currently amended) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the computer readable program code devices of claim 9 are performed for each of a plurality of users and the computer program product additionally  
5 comprises computer readable program code devices configured to cause the computer system to:

~~computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to~~ accumulate the amounts of money from each of the plurality of users; and

10 ~~computer readable program code devices configured to cause a computer to~~ provide to ~~[[a]]~~ the mutual fund management the amounts of money accumulated.

15. (original) The computer program product of claim 9, wherein the notice comprises a banner.

16. (original) The computer program product of claim 15 wherein the banner comprises one selected from a scrolling banner and an animated banner.